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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON ON MIHAILOVIC MEMORIAL

1. JACK ANDERSON'S COLUMN IN WASHINGTON POST JULY 14
DEALT WITH ALLEGED OBJECTIONS BY GOY AND DEPARTMENT TO
MIHAILOVIC MEMORIAL. ANDERSON AIDE TOM ROSENSTIEL HAS
TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ON THIS AND OTHER
YUGOSLAV-RELATED MATTERS IN RECENT WEEKS. TEXT OF ARTICLE
FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT - TITO'S REVENGE--CONGRESS WANTS TO ERECT
A MONUMENT TO A YUGOSLAVIAN GENERAL WHO SAVED THE LIVES
OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS DURING WORLD WAR II. BUT MARSHAL
TITO HAS OBJECTED TO ANY TRIBUTE TO HIS OLD WAR RIVAL,
AND THE RESULTING FLAP IS TURNING INTO AN INTERNATIONAL
INCIDENT.

IN 1944, TITO'S TOP RIVAL IN YUGOSLAVIA, GEN. DRAZA
MIHAILOVITCH, KEPT MORE THAN 500 AMERICAN FLYERS ALIVE
AND THEN AIRLIFTED THEM TO FREEDOM FROM 40 MILES BEHIND
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NAZI LINES. AFTER THE WAR TITO TRIUMPHED OVER MIHAILOVITCH
IN AN INTERNAL CIVIL WAR AND HAD HIM SHOT AS A NAZI
SYMPATHIZER.

NOW, AS A BILL TO LET THE AIRMEN HONOR THE GENERAL WAS
BREEZING THROUGH CONGRESS, TITO DECIDED THAT ANY STATUE
HONORING HIS OLD ENEMY WOULD BE A PERSONAL AFFRONT. TITO'S

FOREIGN MINISTRY SUMMONED AMERICAN AMBASSADOR LAWRENCE EAGLEBURGER AND ISSUED A "MOST ENERGETIC PROTEST" AGAINST THE MONUMENT.

EAGLEBURGER TOLD REP. CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI (D-WIS.) IN A PRIVATE LETTER THAT THE MONUMENT "HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF VOCIFEROUS COMPLAINT DURING EACH OF MY COURTESY CALLS ON SENIOR YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT, CONCLUDING THAT A LIVE DICTATOR IS MORE VALUABLE TO U.S. INTERESTS THAN A DEAD HERO, HAS WARNED CONGRESS OF THE "EXTREME UMBRAGE...(THE) YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT TITO PERSONALLY COULD BE EXPECTED TO TAKE" IF THE MONUMENT IS BUILT. END TEXT.

3. SINCE THIS ITEM WAS THE SECOND OF THREE SHORT PIECES IN HIS DAILY COLUMN, ANDERSON'S HEADLINE FOR THE COLUMN AS A WHOLE WAS ON CHILDREN'S CANDY ADS.

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